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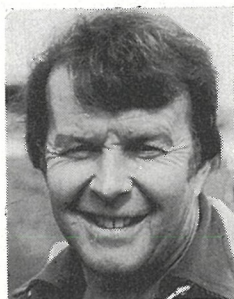
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MY POINT OF VIEW

GOOD AFTERNOON all, a very warm welcome to Hereford United Football Club, and in particular Frank Lord, their manager.

Although currently at the wrong end of the table, they have had one or two good results recently, and no doubt they will be battling very hard today to improve their away form. Hereford are a side we have still to beat, having drawn four and lost one of our previous five League meetings. I hope we can square the series today.

Card System

I am sure professionals in general, will be glad to see the end of the card system of disciplining players, if for one reason only, and that is that it will give referees a little bit of time to think, especially where the referee has booked a player for a minor offence and suddenly has cause to speak to the same player yet again. I feel quite sure that, in a lot of cases where players have been sent off on

account of two cautionable offences, that had the referee been given the option he might have chosen to cool troubled waters in his own way, without the fateful red card being shown. However, I will only say this, if no cards make the referee's job any easier, then I am all for it.

York Trip

It was a bit of a sickener last week, at Bootham Crescent, to finish up with nothing to show after battling to what I thought was going to be a well-earned point and possibly two. However, it was not to be, but I firmly believe that we are on the mend, and two points today would provide a fine tonic.

Enjoy today's game.

Ian McNeill

Ian McNeill

Front page photo — Captain courageous Colin Methven takes on the massed ranks of Southend United defenders. Photograph by courtesy of the Wigan Observer.

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GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST

BY HAROLD ASHURST

MOVING away from the famous Goodier team of the middle fifties sees us jump a few years to the team of the late fifties and early sixties which often included some excellent local born players.

One such player was Harry Penk, a popular little outside right who was snapped up while playing local football. Local born, in fact his family still live in Pemberton, Harry was small but very stocky, and the ideal build for a winger in those days. He was very fast and an excellent crosser of the ball — a feat which brought many goals from the eager centre forward of the time. In searching for these notes and questioning one Latics fan, Harry Penk was described to me as a "with it" player for his day. The supporter said:

"He was a very stylish player, with a good turn of foot, he was a good crosser of a ball and could also score a few goals himself. He was also a very likeable bloke".

Harry's rise to first team status was no overnight affair. After being signed by Latics he spent almost all his early days with the club in the second team before numerous good performances in the reserves earned him a call up to the first eleven. From then on he never looked back. He played about two seasons in the first team and attracted the attention of numerous top clubs.

It was one of those big boys, the mighty Portsmouth no less, who came in with a bid for the talented winger and he left for Fratton Park for a fee of about £2,500 — quite a sum in those days for a non-league signing. Even today, the decision to sell Harry Penk, still angers some older Latics fans but Director Jack Farrimond, a Board member in those days, states: "We knew it would be a very unpopular move but what could we do? The lad was keen to go, we didn't want to stand in his way and, of course, the club needed the money".

Harry played with great success on the South Coast, and, when his playing days ended, he settled in Southampton with his wife and family. However, he still keeps a close interest in the affairs of his club and, when Latics played Portsmouth in their first season in League Football, an interested and proud spectator sitting in the stands was Harry Penk, the local boy who made the big time.

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by Fred Eyre

The reserve team was back in action again last week and we showed that we have not lost the habit of winning with a 2 - 0 victory over Port Vale.

The scoreline was not really a true reflection of our supremacy on the night and this was illustrated by the fact that it must have been one of the easiest night's work John Brown has had in goal for quite some time.

I introduced sixteen year old Kevin Langley to this level of football on the right hand side of midfield and he confirmed my opinion that he is a young player of immense promise.

Brian Cunliffe was rewarded for ninety minutes of hard graft with a goal in the second half; he latched onto a lovely through ball just over the half way line, and with two defenders chasing him and the keeper coming out quickly, "Cunners" unleashed one of his specials from the edge of the penalty area which went in off the underside of the bar.

We had to wait until the final seconds for our second goal but it was worth waiting for as Mark Wignall broke free on the right and his pin-point cross was headed gleefully into the net by skipper Pop Freeman.

Mick Quinn had an outstanding game up front, alongside Brian Cunliffe, working tremendously hard, and his willingness to work and his close control made him too much of a handful for the Vale defence.

Steve Silcock also had a fine game at the back, snuffing out any danger and using the ball intelligently to set us going forward again.

Our remaining game in this league is a rearranged fixture away against Crewe Alexandra.

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I DON'T know whether the word has been getting around that we are currently experiencing quite a productive time with our fund-raising, but during the past ten days I have seen or made appointments to see the representatives of no fewer than four firms producing lottery tickets. Though it is not always possible to do business with every firm that cares to send along a very able professional prepared to outline the benefits of that firm's particular products, it is always interesting to learn of new developments, to keep in touch with trends and to exchange little snippets of information which can be vital in furthering knowledge of the market. Certainly it has given me a great deal of personal satisfaction to be able to point out how well the Astra Soccer ticket is still going, and to also display our new "Latics Gold" bingo ticket recently launched at the very attractive price of ten pence per ticket. After a difficult pre-Christmas period, we now seem to have turned the corner, and we are looking forward to the immediate future, when we hope to build on the good work already completed. We still need agents for all our tickets, particularly on large housing estates and in factories. Why not sign up today at

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Enjoy today's game.

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.



Letterbox

Springfield Park, Wigan. 14th January, 1981.

Dear Readers,

Today's magnificent effort needs no comment from me. Well written, Margaret Wilkinson.

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

201 Gidlow Lane, Wigan, Lancashire. 26.12.80.

Dear Sir,

As a season ticket holder, I attend all home matches and as many away as possible. However, due to lack of finances so near Christmas, I decided not to travel to Wimbledon (lucky as it happens!) Instead I was persuaded by friends to go to Anfield to watch Liverpool v Wolves. They were convinced I would see such a difference that I would no longer want to support Latics. I saw a fast moving game of skilful football... by no means Liverpool at their best I'm told, but nevertheless faster and more skilled players with some wonderful moves and shots... But neither team are my team and therefore given a choice I'd watch Wigan any day... a fact which my friends just cannot believe.

However, one thing stands out in my mind and that is the support given to these two teams by the people at the game. Even after Wolves went one goal down their supporters never lost hope and did their best to lift their team, outclassed as they were on the day. They didn't walk off at halftime, not did they pick on one player to make him their scapegoat. So come on Wiganers, let's emulate them. Don't just be good supporters when we are winning and don't pick on one man to blame all the mistakes on. Let us show our team they are ours, because I for one would rather watch my Fourth Division team than someone else's First Division side.

Yours faithfully, Margaret Wilkinson.

P.S. Though more skilful and faster, Liverpool and Wolves both made similar mistakes to Wigan Athletic... missed open goals, didn't shoot first time etc... All moans I hear each match from our supporters.

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LEFT:

Dave McMullan beats Stockport County goalkeeper Dave Lawson only to hit the underside of the crossbar

TOP RIGHT:

Tony Quinn following up pushes the rebound past the fast-advancing Lawson

BOTTOM RIGHT:

Quinn receives the congratulations of his colleagues while Lawson looks reprovably at his defenders.

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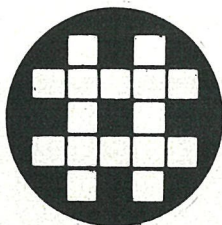
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ON THE BALL No. 18

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Their wear is not compulsory! Sunderland's Park; John Bond's boy; Former Leeds boss



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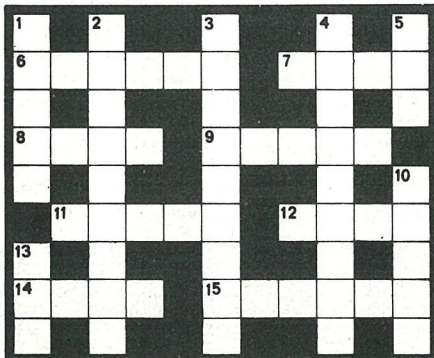
CLUB CLUE No. 18

Solve this cryptic club to identify a soccer side:

A club with somewhere to play!

MIXED DOUBLES No. 18

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **NOILS** and **SLOW** to find two club nicknames.



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 18 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

6. See 15ac
7. The beast in the badge of Millwall (4)
8. Nickname of Wimbledon (4)
9. & 5dn. What old League Club Glossop and present-day Preston nominally have in common (5,3)
11. Belgium's keeper in recent seasons, Jean-Marie ---, featured well in the 1980 European Championship finals (5)
12. Bradshaw or Barron (4)
14. Manager who brought Grimsby into Division Two (4)
- 15 & 6ac. Manager who switched from being Shrewsbury's number one to being Wolves' number two (6,6)

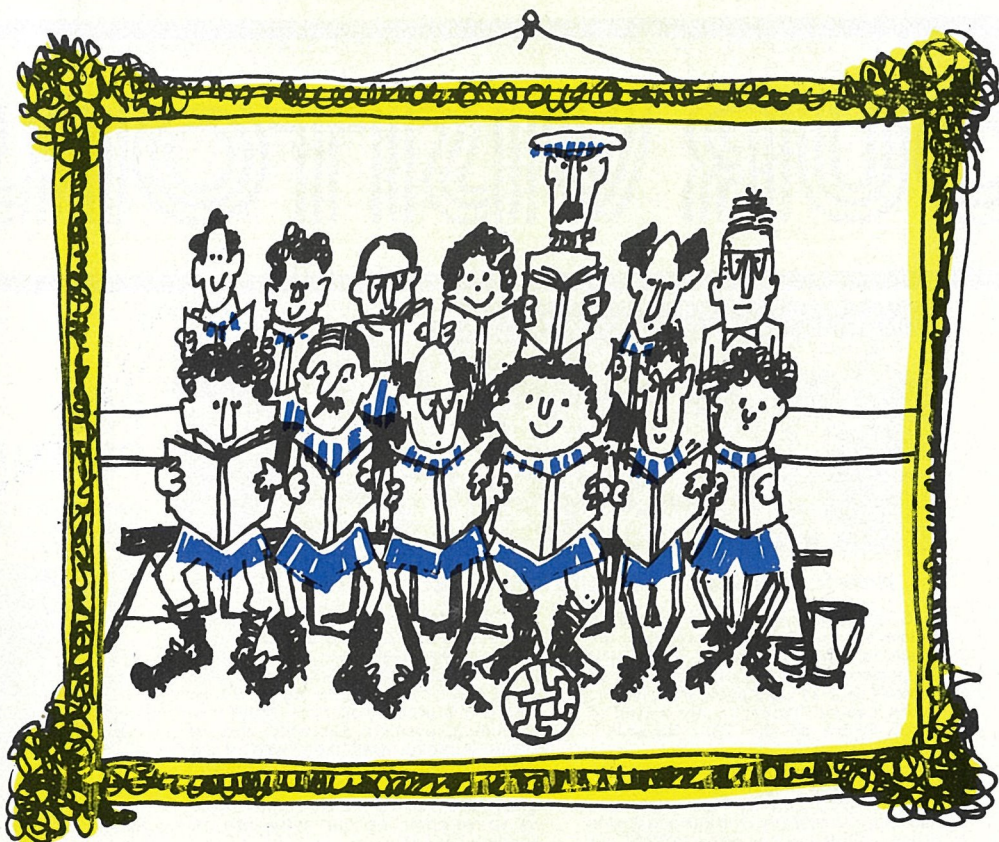
DOWN

1. The first word of the hymn traditionally sung before the FA Cup Final (5)
2. Division Three club which has appeared in all four divisions since the war (9)
- 4 & 3. The 1980 winners of the UEFA Cup (9,9)
5. See 9ac
- 13 & 10. Nickname of the club with which Jimmy Hill has had a close association over the last twenty years (his first years as a player having been with 2dn) (3,5)



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OUR VISITORS



Hereford United Football Club Season 1980/1981

THIS afternoon we are delighted to welcome to Springfield Park, the Directors, Management, Staff and Supporters of the Hereford United Football Club to Springfield Park for the return League fixture to that played at Edgar Street on the 29th November, 1980.

Nestling as they are at the foot of the Fourth Division League Table, our friends from the West Country must often have had cause to reflect on the ups and downs of soccer. Entering the League in 1972, our visitors, in rapid time, moved from the Fourth Division to the Second Division, only to suffer the tragedy of making the return trip to the Fourth Division even more quickly. One can understand the disappointment which this must have brought to supporters who had thrived on a series of giant-killing F.A. Cup successes in the Hereford United Football Club's non-league days. Their fate has spelled out a lesson for all clubs moving from non-league into Football League circles: the lesson being that to make too rapid a progress up the League ladder, without putting down a strong enough base, can cause more problems in the long run than an entry, however modest, at a much more realistic pace.

In recent times, life has been hard for

the Edgar Street faithful, but such is the pedigree of the Hereford United Football Club, and the expertise at all levels of the club's administration, there can be little doubt that it can only be a matter of time before this proud club rises again to a prominent position. Certainly, we, at Wigan Athletic, wish them well in the difficult times which they are at present experiencing, and we shall always have a special affection for the club which made us so welcome on our entry into the Football League.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

Season 1978-1979

19th Aug. 1978 Hereford Utd. 0 Wigan Ath. 0
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 5,674
Scorers —

28th Mar. 1979 Wigan Ath. 0 Hereford Utd. 0
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 4,876
Scorers —

Season 1979-1980

22nd Sept. 1979 Hereford Utd. 2 Wigan Ath. 1
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 3,891
Scorers: Hereford Utd. Hunt, Phillips.

9th Feb. 1980 Wigan Ath. Wright:
Wigan Ath. 1 Hereford Utd. 1
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 6,381
Scorers: Wigan Ath. Corrigan
Hereford Utd. Burrows

Season 1980-1981

29th Nov. 1980 Hereford Utd. 1 Wigan Ath. 1
H.T. Score 1-1 Att. 2,328
Scorers: Hereford Utd. Bartley
Wigan Ath. Houghton

PEN PICTURE

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HEREFORD UNITED

Ground: Edgar Street, Hereford
Year Formed: 1924
Football League Record:
1972 Elected to Fourth Division
1973-1976 Member of Third Division
1976-1977 Member of Second Division
1977-1978 Member of Third Division
1978-1981 Member of Fourth Division



JIMMY HARVEY (M/F) — Jimmy was born in Lurgan, Northern Ireland, and gained Youth and Full Caps for his Country. He played for Glenavon and then moved to Arsenal before signing for United in July, 1980.

TOMMY HUGHES — (G/K) — Tommy, a former Scottish Under 23 international, joined Hereford United in August, 1973 from Aston Villa, having previously had spells with Brighton and Chelsea.

PAUL HUNT — Defender — Paul served his Apprenticeship with Coventry City and following his release he joined United as an Amateur in July, 1977 before being upgraded to a full Professional in June, 1978.

DAVE JONES — Forward — Transferred from Telford United in June, 1978. Dave, born in Wales, was an Amateur with Oswestry Town before signing Professional forms with Telford.

GARY JONES — Forward — Born in Manchester, Gary represented Manchester and Lancs. at Schoolboy level and served his Apprenticeship at Bolton Wanderers before being upgraded to a full Professional. He moved to Sheffield United and then had a spell in the United States with Los Angeles Aztecs. He returned to England to play for Blackpool and joined Hereford from Blackpool in August, 1980.

GARY LOWE — Forward — Gary served his Apprenticeship with Crystal Palace and was later upgraded to a full Professional. He was transferred to Manchester City and signed by United in May, 1980.

FRANK MCGRELLIS — Forward — Frank was born in Scotland and played as an Amateur with Grangemouth F.C. before being signed by Coventry City as an Apprentice Professional. He joined Hereford from Coventry in March, 1979.

PAUL MORRIS — Forward — Born in Glasfryn, Wales, Paul was an amateur with Llanelli before being signed by United in February, 1980.

ADAM MUSIAL — Defender — Adam is a Polish International, having represented his Country 34 times at Senior level and 30 times at U/23's level. Adam played for Poland at Wembley in the World Cup in 1974.

RICHARD OVERSON — Defender — Richard was an Amateur with Corby Town and Rothwell Town before serving his Apprenticeship with Burnley. He signed for United from Burnley in June, 1980.

MEL PEJIC — Defender — Mel was an

Amateur with Stoke City and later upgraded to a full Professional. He was transferred to United from Stoke in June, 1980.

STEWART PHILIPS — Forward — Stewart served his Apprenticeship with Hereford and became the youngest player to represent Hereford United at first team level whilst still an Associated Schoolboy. He was upgraded to a full Professional in October, 1979.

an Associated Schoolboy with United before serving his Apprenticeship and was later upgraded to a full professional. He gained a cap for England at Youth level.

PETER SPIRING — Defender — Born in Glastonbury, Somerset, Peter started his career with Bristol City where he gained



England Youth International caps. He was transferred to Liverpool and later to Luton Town before signing for United in May 1976.

STEVE STRONG — Defender — Born in Bristol, Steve represented Somerset and Avon County at Schoolboy level and was an Associated Schoolboy with United before signings as an Apprentice. He was upgraded to a full Professional in February, 1980.

VAL THOMAS — Defender — Val was an Apprentice with Coventry City before signing as a Professional and was signed from Coventry to Hereford in March, 1979.

WINSTON WHITE — Winger — Born in Oadby, Leicestershire, Winston gained several County School Youth Caps. He was an Apprentice with Leicester City and later was upgraded to a full Professional. He was transferred to United in March, 1979.

SEAN LANE — Winger — Sean was born in Bristol, and was an Associated Schoolboy with Hereford before signing as an Apprentice in July, 1980. He has been capped five times at English Schoolboy level.

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PLAYER

Alex Cribley
(Defender)

Birthplace: Liverpool

Place of Residence: Norris Green,
Liverpool

Date of Birth: 1st April 1957

Height: 5'11½"

Weight: 12st. 10lbs.

Previous Professional Club: Liverpool

Advice to Youngsters: Practice
every minute you can, work hard in
training and always give 100%
effort.

After spending several seasons at Anfield, without making the breakthrough into the big time, Alex joined Wigan Athletic earlier this season, and made his Football league debut, and his first-team debut for Wigan Athletic, at Dean Court, on Saturday, 1st November, 1980 against A.F.C. Bournemouth. Since then, he has become a firm favourite with local supporters admiring his enthusiastic approach to the game.

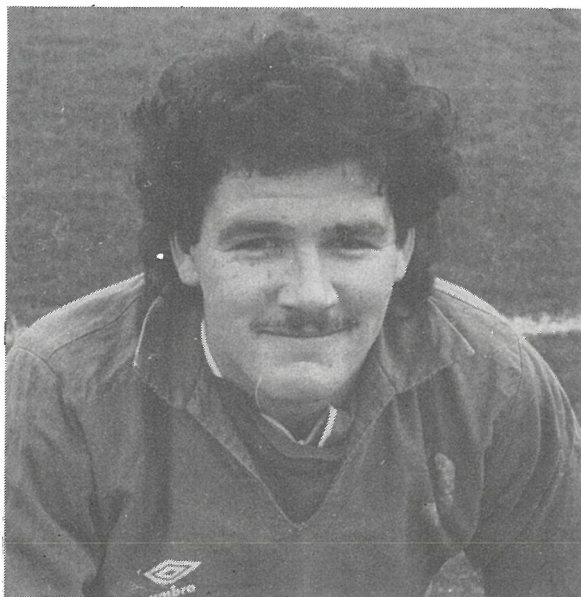


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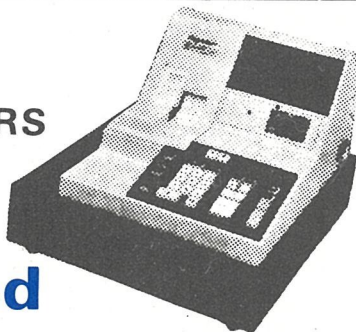
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WRITTEN QUOTATIONS ON REQUEST

GOOD afternoon, and a very special welcome today to all our friends from Hereford, and, of course, all our supporters, from the Committee, Bar Staff and Management of the Wigan Athletic Supporters and Social Club. We say a special welcome, because on August 19th, 1978, we played our first League fixture against Hereford United and their supporters made us most welcome. In fact the pennant presented to our Supporters Club has pride of place over the top and in the centre of the Lounge Bar.

We sincerely hope our visitors enjoy their visit today and hope they will join our supporters for a drink in the club, where our cheerful Bar Staff will look after your needs. May I, through this column, pass on the thanks of many members of our Social Club to the Committee and Bar Staff for their work in

providing such wonderful fare and entertainment at the Senior Citizens' and Children's Parties over the festive season. May I ask those adults who benefitted to show their thanks by coming along to the Social Club and patronising it. After all, it is, (we think), the best club in town.

Enjoy the game.

J. A. Eckersley



IN TIMES when big money transfer deals are the exception rather than the rule, the £50,000 paid out by Mansfield Town for Tranmere Rovers' leading scorer Jim Lumby might be considered quite substantial — particularly for a Fourth Division side.

The number of players available is rising each day, as clubs decide to cut back on staffs as an economy measure. This means teams in the market for players can pick and choose and sometimes snap up a bargain.

A.F.C. Bournemouth's new manager David Webb, who took over the running of the club from Alec Stock, signed Blackpool's Brian Smith on a free transfer . . . barely a year after he had joined the Seaside from Bolton in a £60,000 deal. Another familiar face at Dean Court is that of goalkeeper John Smeulders who was recalled from Southern League Trowbridge, where he was on loan, to deputise for sick first choice Kenny Allen.

Southend United, the side which seems to have had more luck than the rest of the division put together, continue to appear unbeatable at Roots Hall. Prior to their latest win over Darlington, Southend boss Dave Smith signed Danny Greaves, the 18-year old son of former England forward Jimmy Greaves, on a short term contract.

Halifax Town, still struggling at the foot of the table and with gates rarely above 1,200, have boosted their defence with the signing of Hartlepool United central defender Billy Ayre. Still at the Shay, and, as expected, Scarborough, from the Alliance Premier League, have failed in their take-over bid which they hoped would have

brought League Football to their Seamer Road ground.

Stockport County's Mark Leigh, an amateur, certainly made his name in his first full league game for the club. He scored the winning goal in the recent match at Bournemouth. That was County's first win in ten visits to the Dean Court ground.

Finally, fans at Gresty Road are delighted to see midfielder man Mark Palios back in action for Crewe Alexandra after a two-month lay off with a foot injury.

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 12th JANUARY, 1981

	Home				Away				Pts.			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D		L	F	
Southend United	29	15	0	0	34	3	6	2	6	18	16	44
Lincoln City	27	9	5	1	35	9	7	2	3	12	6	39
Mansfield Town	28	9	2	2	18	6	6	2	7	15	17	33
Hartlepool Utd.	28	9	2	4	27	14	4	5	4	15	21	33
Doncaster Rovers	28	10	2	3	23	12	4	3	6	11	20	33
Peterborough Utd.	27	7	4	2	24	13	4	5	5	19	18	31
Aldershot	29	8	6	0	15	2	4	1	10	11	26	31
Rochdale	28	8	3	3	21	13	2	6	6	17	24	29
Bradford City	28	5	6	2	18	13	4	5	6	17	24	29
Darlington	28	6	3	4	24	15	5	3	7	15	22	28
North'pton Town	28	9	1	4	30	16	3	3	8	12	31	28
Wimbledon	26	8	2	3	24	9	4	1	8	11	18	27
Crewe Alexandra	30	5	5	6	19	19	3	6	5	15	22	27
York City	28	8	2	4	25	11	1	6	7	7	24	26
Wigan Athletic	28	7	4	3	18	10	3	2	9	10	25	26
Bournemouth	29	6	4	4	14	11	4	2	9	10	21	26
Tranmere Rovers	27	9	1	2	25	8	1	4	10	10	29	25
Torquay United	27	7	1	5	23	15	4	2	8	11	22	25
Bury	28	7	2	4	23	24	3	2	10	18	29	24
Scunthorpe Utd.	27	4	7	3	22	18	2	5	6	8	16	24
Stockport County	28	4	4	6	16	20	5	2	7	12	17	24
Port Vale	27	6	4	3	22	12	1	2	11	12	36	20
Halifax Town	28	4	3	8	19	24	1	5	7	10	21	18
Hereford United	27	4	6	5	18	13	0	3	9	3	29	17



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SCENE & HEARD

THE Football Association Council has received a good measure of publicity during the last ten days. Following hard upon the decision to ban the serving of alcohol at Scottish Football League grounds, the English Football Association has had to temporarily delay its own plans to ban the sale of alcohol on grounds coming under its jurisdiction. Evidently the main stumbling blocks have been administrative difficulties and an unexpected number of complaints from Football League clubs. Implementation of the ban has been delayed, probably until the beginning of next season, pending further investigations.

Another controversial issue discussed recently by the F.A. Council has been the vexed question of red and yellow cards. As many enthusiasts will know, this weekend will see the demise of what has proved a useful method of conveying referees' disciplinary decisions to players, spectators and the media alike.

Although the production of the cards by the referee gave instant communication of breaches of the rules, embarrassment was often caused when a second technical offence resulted in the automatic display of the red card, sometimes for a breach which was far less serious than the original offence, which had been punished by a booking and the showing of the yellow card. A good body of opinion within the game feels that the system has led to a breakdown of understanding between officials and players, and that, in some instances the referee has been forced to abandon his discretionary powers, without which it is not really possible to apply the rules fairly yet realistically. It is our opinion, however, that it will need more than the withdrawal of the card system to guarantee a better relationship between match officials and players and the playing of the game in accordance with the rules as laid down.

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The Chairman's Column

IN THE absence of our Chairman, may I take this opportunity of welcoming our visitors from Hereford.

It was with deep sadness that the Directors and I learned last week of the death of Bill Bothwell, who was President of Tranmere Rovers Football Club and the longest serving Radio broadcaster for the B.B.C. He was a real character, it was my pleasure to have known him, and his charm, quick wit and deep knowledge of the game is something that football can ill afford to lose and his passing is a real tragedy.

As you are aware, most football clubs are experiencing difficult times financially and certain economies are being made to try and ease the problems facing our national sport, but will this be sufficient if football is to survive in the '80's' and beyond? I don't feel it is.

It is argued that certain laws of the game should be changed to make football more entertaining, that stadiums should be made more comfortable for the spectators to encourage them to leave the warmth of the fireside, that transfer fees should be limited, and that the Third and Fourth Divisions should be regionalised. The suggestions are numerous and I agree with most of them, but at the end of the day I feel the time has come for football clubs, who in the main occupy vast acres of land and in most cases like Wigan own it, to look for ways of developing their grounds into sporting and commercial facilities, so that we no longer have a situation where business is conducted once a fortnight as is now the case. Some clubs have actually started by building supermarkets, and sports' centres. Let us hope the time is not too far distant when the game of football will be financed from sources other than gate money, lotteries and sponsorship.

Yours sincerely,

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Alex Cribley	6	Peter Spiring
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Tony Quinn	8	Joe Laidlaw
Peter Houghton	9	Derek Showers
Bobby Hutchinson	10	Frank McGrellis
Jeff Wright	11	Winston White
Billy Urquhart	12	Stewart Phillips

Hereford United
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Commenced refereeing in 1964 then graduated via the Crewe and District, Mid-Cheshire and North Premier Leagues to the Football League list. Refereed the Cheshire Youth, Saturday and Senior Cup Finals in 1976, 1977 and 1979. Was also in charge of a Northern Premier League Cup Final and an Anglo-Italian Competition tie. He lined a U.E.F.A. Cup match in 1976, an F.A. Cup Semi Final in 1977 and the Charity Shield in 1978. A married man, with two daughters, he is a Commercial Vehicle Electrician and enjoys gardening, listening to music and wine making. Past Chairman of the Northern Premier Association of Referees and Linesmen.

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